

From England to Utah, pioneer toiled tirelessly

One in a series of articles celebrating the sesquicentennial of the Mormon pioneers' entry into Utah. The weekly articles will consist of excerpts from journals, diaries or other written records left by the early settlers of Utah Territory.

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

and grammar are as he recorded them.)

I was born in Handley, Cheshire, England, of poor parents in a poor country on Aug. 23, 1816. My father was a journeyman shoemaker and would make five to six shillings per week and had a family of six children. I loved to go to school dearly and was sent some little when very young. I could read excellently when five years old. I afterward learned to write so that I could make out to write my own name and that was the extent of my

(Many of the early Mormon pioneers came from humble circumstances and had little education. The recollections of George Morris show a life of hard labor but honest dedication to principle. Spelling



George Morris

schooling.

As early as 7 years of age, I was put to hard work. I was chiefly employed amongst the farmers during the summer season to scare the birds off their grain fields. Armed with a pair of clappers, my business was to travel around the fields from morning till night, rattling them with all my might and hollering at the same time. For this I got my meat.

As time rolled on, they put me to higher branches of business such as driving the cows to pasture and back and driving team for the

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"So, you want to have a party? Are you dating?" he asks.

She is. The two discuss a price and when the deal is made the officer makes the arrest.

Meanwhile, the second prostitute, a local 26-year-old who had just been recruited, is also taken into custody. She reveals the first prostitute is 17 years old, from Seattle, and "hooked" with another in the trade.

A little "backtracking" leads officers to a Motel 6 in Midvale, where they arrest two men and confiscate the 17-year-old's belongings. With a search warrant, a second room is also cleaned out.

Later, a third young woman, 19, is located at a Denny's on 7200 South after she pages her pimp to pick her up about 4 a.m.

"Each pimp had brought one girl and while they were down here they recruited another girl," Hansen said. "That's an important factor — that when the pimps come down here, they try to recruit local girls."

Real Identities

Like other prostitutes, Kelly was surprised to learn that another prostitute had revealed her real name, age and background

see the picture better."

Although Edmond pleaded guilty to exploitation of prostitution and money laundering charges, Kelly remained in detention hall for 53 days until he was sentenced to serve nine months in jail.

'Back to reality'

"Our first priority is to get juvenile girls out of prostitution," Hansen said. "Our second priority is to get the adult girls out of it, but first we need to get the children out."

With 20 percent of all prostitutes being under age, there is an urgency to find a prostitute's real identity and a family connection. Instead of just booking prostitutes into jail and having their pimps bail them out a few days later, officers are now trying to bring them "back to reality."

"We see a change over a period of several weeks where they feel better about themselves," Hansen said. "Usually, after a while, the girls will break down and tell us they are only 15 or 16."

Regardless of age, the goal is to get prostitutes permanently away from their pimps. And the most effective way to do that is to get

Orem nor American Fork sites have room to expand.

With American Fork officials considering the construction of a new city complex, state officials say it makes sense to include a new court complex in the planning for a new city facility. Officials would like to build a three-courtroom fa-

cility adjacent to any new complex.

"Assuming American Fork is going ahead with their plans, it makes sense to plan along with them," Bissegger said.

In fact, American Fork's plans actually initiated the study. Court officials need the study to support their claim that additional courtrooms and judges will be needed in